

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 18, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2058 - HB 2300**

This bill, if enacted, will permit local governing bodies to adopt by 2/3 vote a plan to authorize jail administrators to charge an inmate a co-pay amount for any medical treatment rendered. The bill also permits the local governing body to authorize the jail administrator to seek reimbursement from TennCare or other insurance providers for the treatment rendered if such inmate is covered by an insurance plan. Currently, any person who is incarcerated becomes ineligible for TennCare coverage.

The fiscal impact on local governments from enactment of this bill in and of itself is estimated to be minimal since the provisions of the bill are permissive.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in local government revenues to the extent that co-payments and reimbursements are collected. Such increase cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant which assumes that the number of inmates able to pay co-payments or who are covered by insurance plans are few.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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James A. Davenport, Executive Director